

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 16-20 without prejudice, amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7-10 and 12-15 as follows and add Claims 21-25:

1. (Currently amended) A device for preventing axial movement of an elongated member (1), such as a cannula needle, applied through the skin of a mammal at a puncturing position, said device comprising a plaster (2) structured and arranged ~~designed~~ to cover a ~~the~~ surface around the puncturing position and having at least an adhesive layer (4) for securing it to the skin and as well as an opening (9) through the layer (4) thereof for the passage of said elongated member (1) therethrough,

the device further comprising

means (8) secured to the plaster (2) and structured and arranged ~~adapted~~ to clamp around said elongated member (1) when the elongated member (1) is applied through the skin of a mammal and the plaster (2) is applied on the surface around said puncturing position, wherein

said clamping means (8) is thin and substantially flat and provided with a lateral opening (10) for laterally introducing said elongated member (1) between clamping portions ~~positions~~ (11, 12) thereof, and

said clamping means (8) includes parts of substantially rigid material provided with said clamping portions (11, 12) which are structured and arranged ~~adapted to bear~~ bias from at least two different directions against said elongated member (1).

2. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein said clamping means (8) is made of material being substantially more rigid than the material forming the plaster (2).

3. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein surfaces through which the clamping portions (11, 12) are structured and arranged ~~adapted~~ to bear against said elongated member are made of a substantially rigid material.

4. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said clamping means (8) has clamping portions (11, 12) with sharp gripping edges structured and arranged ~~adapted~~ to bear against said elongated member clamped thereby.

5. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein said clamping means (8) is made of metal.

6. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein said plaster (2) is provided with a pocket (7) formed between two adjacent layers (5, 6) thereof and housing said clamping means (8).

7. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 6, wherein said plaster (2) comprises at least two additional layers (5, 6) besides said adhesive layer (4), and said pocket (7) is formed between two such additional layers (5,6).

8. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 7, wherein the plaster (2) comprises a carrier layer (5) arranged on top of the adhesive layer

(4) and an uppermost coating layer (6), and said pocket (7) is formed between said carrier layer and coating layer (6).

9. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said clamping means (8) is transferrable between an inactive state allowing said elongated member (1) to be introduced between clamping portions (11, 12) thereof and an active state in which said clamping portions (11, 12) bias ~~bears~~ ~~under tension~~ against said elongated member (1).

10. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 9, wherein at least said clamping portions (11, 12) of said clamping means are made of a material having a high coefficient of thermal expansion in the region around ~~the~~ body temperature of the ~~a~~ mammal for which the device is ~~intended to be used~~ and structured and arranged ~~such as~~ to be influenced by the temperature when applied together with the plaster (2) on ~~a~~ skin of said mammal for being transferred from said inactive to said active state through the temperature rise caused through heat transfer from the body of said mammal.

11. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 10, wherein at least said clamping portions (11, 12) of said clamping means are made of a memory metal.

12. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 9, wherein said clamping means (8) comprises at least one spring member (13, 18, 24, 25) connected to said clamping portions (11, 12) for urging them towards each other.

13. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 12, additionally

~~comprising wherein it comprises~~ a blocking member (14) structured and arranged adapted to hold the clamping portions (11,12) apart in said inactive state for allowing introduction of said elongated member (1) therebetween and, when released, allowing said spring member (13, 18, 24, 25) to bias transfer the clamping means (8) to the active state.

14. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein said plaster opening (9) is formed by a lateral slot into the plaster (2) for enabling introduction of said elongated member (1) into said opening (9) after the elongated member (1) has been applied through the skin of ~~the~~ a mammal.

15. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, additionally comprising ~~wherein it comprises~~ an elongated flexible, preferably adjustable, such as by being elastic, band-like member (3) secured to the plaster (2) and structured and arranged adapted to be applied around a body part of ~~the~~ a mammal on which said puncturing position has been applied for assisting the adhesive layer (4) of the plaster (2) in holding the plaster (2) secured around the puncturing position.

Claims 16-20. Canceled.

21. (New) A device for preventing axial movement of an elongated member (1), such as a cannula needle, applied through the skin of a mammal at a puncturing position, said device comprising

a plaster (2) structured and arranged to cover a surface around the puncturing position and having at least an adhesive layer (4) for securing to the skin and an opening (9) through the layer (4) thereof for the passage of said

elongated member (1) therethrough,

the device further comprising

means (8) secured to the plaster (2) and structured and arranged to clamp around said elongated member (1) when the elongated member (1) is applied through the skin of a mammal and the plaster (2) is applied on the surface around said puncturing position,

said clamping means (8) is thin and substantially flat and includes parts of substantially rigid material provided with clamping portions (11, 12)

structured and arranged to bear against said elongated member (1), wherein

said clamping means (8) and plaster (2) are provided with a lateral slot-formed opening (9,10) structured and arranged for laterally introducing said elongated member (1) between clamping portions (11, 12) of said clamping means (8) by moving the plaster (2) with said clamping means (8) laterally with respect to said elongated member (1) applied through the skin, and

said clamping portions (11, 12) are structured and arranged to bear against said elongated member (1) while acting thereupon substantially in a plane in parallel with the surface of the skin upon which the plaster (2) is arranged.

22. (New) A device according to claim 21, wherein said clamping means (8) is structured and arranged to clamp said elongated member (1) extending through said clamping means (8) between said clamping portions (11, 12) at a large angle with respect to said plaster (2).

23. (New) A device according to claim 22, wherein said large angle is

about 90°.

24. (New) A device according to claim 21, wherein said clamping portions (11, 12) are structured and arranged to bias from at least two different directions against said elongated member (1).

25. (New) A device according to claim 21, wherein said clamping means (8) is transferrable between an inactive state allowing said elongated member (1) to be introduced between clamping portions (11, 12) thereof and an active state in which said clamping portions (11, 12) bias against said elongated member (1).